

# SENATE RESOLUTION 298—DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF MAY EACH YEAR AS THE MONTH FOR CHILDREN

Mr. ROBB (for himself and Mr. WARNER) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 298

Whereas too often, our children suffer from hunger and homelessness;

Whereas the increase in crime in our schools hinders the educational development of our children;

Whereas all children should have food, shelter, and health care, and should be afforded educational opportunity;

Whereas all children should be protected from abuse and neglect; and

Whereas the period of childhood for too many children is marked by hardship and despair: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) designates the month of May each year as the Month for Children;

(2) encourages all Americans to commit themselves to improving the lives and future of all children by serving as positive role models for the children of the United States and the world; and

(3) urges community leaders to publicly acknowledge the significant contributions children make to society.

Mr. ROBB. Mr. President, I rise to offer a Senate resolution designating May each year as the Month for Children. Children are our nation's future, and it is important that we recognize the significant contributions that children make to their homes, schools and communities. Unfortunately, we continue to be plagued by school violence that is devastating our communities. Furthermore, parents who are struggling to make ends meet find themselves with less time to commit to their children. It is imperative that we as a society rededicate ourselves to exalting our children—supporting their efforts to succeed and providing positive role-models for them today and in the future. We must show that we care for them, and in their honor, I submit this resolution.

# SENATE RESOLUTION 299—TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO THE STANDING RULES OF THE SENATE

Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself and Mr. DODD) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 299

*Resolved*,

## SECTION 1. DATE CHANGES.

Each of the recommended forms in paragraph 3 of rule II of the Standing Rules of the Senate is amended by striking "19" each place it appears and inserting "20".

## SEC. 2. CORRECTIONS.

(a) INCORRECT ORDER.—Rule XXV of the Standing Rules of the Senate is amended—

(1) in paragraph 1, by redesignating subparagraphs (l) and (m) as subparagraphs (m) and (l), respectively; and

(2) in paragraph 2, by moving the item relating to the Committee on the Judiciary to the end of the list.

(b) NAME CORRECTION.—Paragraph 5(b) of rule XXXVII of the Standing Rules of the Senate is amended by inserting "Select" before "Committee on Ethics".

(c) CROSS REFERENCE.—Paragraph 6(d) of rule XLI of the Standing Rules of the Senate is amended by striking "11" and inserting "12".

# SENATE RESOLUTION 300—DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF APRIL 23-30, 2000, AS "NATIONAL SHAKEN BABY SYNDROME AWARENESS WEEK"

Mr. WELLSTONE submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 300

Whereas the month of April has been designated National Child Abuse Prevention Month, an annual tradition initiated by former President Jimmy Carter in 1979;

Whereas the most recent government figures show that over 1,000,000 children were victims of abuse and neglect in 1997, causing unspeakable pain and suffering to our most vulnerable citizens;

Whereas among the children who are victims of abuse and neglect, more than 3 children die each day in this country;

Whereas the rate of child fatalities has risen by 37 percent between 1985 and 1997, with children aged 3 and younger accounting for 77 percent of the fatalities;

Whereas head trauma is the leading cause of death of abused children, including the trauma known as Shaken Baby Syndrome;

Whereas Shaken Baby Syndrome, which results from a caregiver losing control and shaking a baby usually less than 1 year of age, and can cause loss of vision, brain damage, paralysis, seizures, or death, is a totally preventable form of child abuse;

Whereas an estimated 3,000 children are diagnosed with Shaken Baby Syndrome every year, with thousands more misdiagnosed and undetected;

Whereas Shaken Baby Syndrome often results in permanent, irreparable brain damage or death to an infant, and more than \$1,000,000 in medical costs in just the first few years of life to care for a single, disabled child;

Whereas the most effective solution to ending Shaken Baby Syndrome is to prevent such abuse, and it is clear that the minimal costs of educational and prevention programs may prevent the enormous medical and disability costs and untold grief for many families;

Whereas prevention programs have been shown to raise awareness and provide critically important information about Shaken Baby Syndrome to parents, caregivers, day-care workers, child protection employees, law enforcement personnel, health care professionals, and legal representatives;

Whereas prevention of Shaken Baby Syndrome is supported by groups such as the Shaken Baby Alliance, an organization which began with 3 mothers of children who had been diagnosed with Shaken Baby Syndrome, and whose mission is to educate the general public and professionals about Shaken Baby Syndrome and to increase support for victims and victim families in the health care and criminal justice systems;

Whereas child abuse prevention programs and "National Shaken Baby Syndrome Awareness Week" are supported by the Shaken Baby Alliance, Children's Defense Fund, American Academy of Pediatrics, Child Welfare League of America, Prevent Child Abuse America, Brain Injury Association, National Child Abuse Coalition, Na-

tional Exchange Club Foundation, and many other organizations including the National Basketball Association which is sponsoring a series of "NBA Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Night 2000" events to generate public awareness about the issue of child abuse and neglect during National Child Abuse Prevention Month 2000;

Whereas a year 2000 survey by Prevent Child Abuse America shows that ½ of all Americans believe child abuse and neglect is the most important issue facing this country compared to other public health issues; and

Whereas Congress strongly supports efforts to protect children from abuse and neglect: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate designates the week of April 23-30, 2000, as "National Shaken Baby Syndrome Awareness Week".

## NOTICES OF HEARINGS

### COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Committee on Indian Affairs will meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, May 2, 2000, at 10 a.m. to conduct a hearing on S. 2350, Duchesne City Water Rights Conveyance Act and S. 2351, Shivwits Band of the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah Water Rights Settlement Act. The hearing will be held in the committee room, 485 Russell Senate Building.

Those wishing additional information may contact committee staff at 202/224-2251.

### COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I wish to announce that the Committee on Rules and Administration will meet at 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, May 3, 2000, in room SR-301 Russell Senate Office Building, to receive testimony on political speech on the Internet.

For further information concerning this meeting, please contact Hunter Bates at the Rules Committee on 4-6352.

## AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

### COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

Mr. KYL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 27, 2000, at 9 a.m., in SD-106, to conduct a full committee hearing to consider the nomination of Michael V. Dunn to be a member of the Farm Credit Administration Board, Farm Credit Administration, and to examine pending legislation on agriculture concentration of ownership and competitiveness.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

### COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. KYL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 27 at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing. The committee will receive testimony on S. 282,